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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Sighting of Unidentified Object,
Springfield, Mass., 2130 hours,
22 July 1952

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

At 2130 hours, 22 July 1952, Mrs. [redacted], Springfield, Mass., observed a pale orange, round object which slowly moved up and down while moving in a southerly direction. Firework displays set off at 2230 hours at Mountain Park, Holyoke, Mass. could possibly account for sighting.

DETAILS:

1. On 23 July 1952, the Public Information Officer, Westover Air Force Base, Mass., notified Headquarters, 1st District OSI that Mrs. [redacted], [redacted] Springfield, Mass., had reported the sighting of an unusual airborne object during the evening of 22 July 1952.

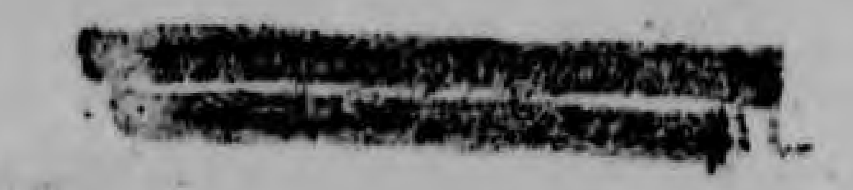
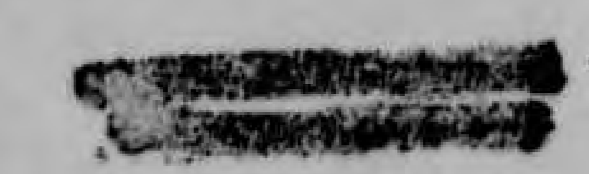
2. On 24 July 1952, Mrs. [redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agent RAWORTH D. WILSON.

a. The object appeared to be round, half as large as the moon appears, a very pale orange color, with no aerodynamic features observed; speed of object was very slow and no sound was heard. The object was first observed about 10° above the horizon in the northwest and was slowly moving in a southerly direction while slowly moving up and down about one-half (½) its own diameter. As the object moved in a southerly direction, the view was obstructed by the house next door.

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b. The object was sighted at approximately 2100 hours, EDT, on 22 July 1952 and was observed for seven (7) or eight (8) minutes.

c. Sighting was by visual observation only.

d. Mrs. [redacted] was sitting on her front porch, which faces north, when she observed the object to her left. The distance could not be estimated, however, the object appeared to be over the Connecticut River, and seemed to be following the course of the river, southward. Mrs. [redacted] called her daughter, [redacted], and both observed the object from the front porch until its disappearance. Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted] then ran through the house to the back yard and observed it from there for about two (2) minutes until it disappeared behind trees in the yard next door.

3. Mrs. [redacted], age 52, housewife, and [redacted], age 15, high school student, have both observed various aircraft which fly over often; however, the object seen could not be associated with any type of aircraft they had ever observed before.

4. Weather conditions as reported by Westover AFB Weather Station for 2125 hours, EDT, 22 July 1952 are as follows: sky clear, twelve miles visibility, temperature 83°F, wind west by northwest at seven (7) miles per hour.

5. On 24 July 1952, Mr. [redacted], Manager of Mountain Park Amusement Center, Holyoke, Mass., advised that fireworks are set off every Tuesday during July at 2230 hours. The fireworks usually last about twenty (20) minutes and are over not later than 2300 hours. Mr. [redacted] advised that among the fireworks there are aerial bombs and displays which sometimes reach as high as Little Mt. Tom (altitude 540 feet). The aerial displays, according to Mr. [redacted], are composed of rocket fireworks in the shape of a wheel, and when set off in the air, go through unpredictable motions. Mr. [redacted] further stated that from the top of Little Mt. Tom, one could see both Springfield (approximately 10 miles distance) and Holyoke (approximately 2 miles distance) and that Mountain Park is in a northwesterly direction from both cities.

6. No physical evidence exists and no interception or identification action taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Cmdr, AFLO-MATS (Info)

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